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SUBJECT: GATT AND ROMANIAN TARIFF

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1. A SECOND MEETING OF THE GATT WORKING PARTY ON THE

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ROMANIAN TARIFF NOW APPEARS LIKELY EARLY NEXT YEAR. GOR

WILL PROBABLY PRESS FOR FORMULATION IN WP REPORT CONCERNING EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS TARIFF.

2. GOR'S POSITION IN WP IS SUMMED UP IN SPEC (75) 2, PARA. 50, WHICH STATES IN PART GOR'S VIEW THAT TARIFF "EFFECTIVELY ENSURED THAT IMPORT PRICES WERE REPRESENTED IN THE DOMESTIC PRICES OF IMPORTED PRODUCTS AND IN THE BENEFITS OF THE IMPORTING AND PRODUCING ENTERPRISES, THUS BEING THE CONTROLLING FACTOR IN ASSESSING THE COMPETITION BETWEEN IMPORTS AND DOMESTICALLY-MADE PRODUCTS AND, AS SUCH, REPRESENTING ONE OF THE DECISIVE ELEMENTS IN THE ELABORATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPORT AND PRODUCTION PLANS AND PROGRAMS BY ALL ECONOMIC UNITS AND AT ALL OTHER LEVELS."

3. WE ARE VERY DOUBTFUL THAT ROMANIAN TARIFF IS A MAJOR DETERMINANT IN SOURCING IMPORTS FOR REASONS GIVEN IN EARLIER MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT INCLUDING BUCHAREST'S VERY HELPFUL 500, 2/7/74. MOREOVER, THE LACK OF OPENLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND THE DEGREE OF GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL

INDICATE THAT THERE IS LITTLE ASSURANCE THAT POLICY CHANGES WOULD NOT REDUCE WHATEVER EFFECTIVENESS THE TARIFF MAY HAVE.

4. AN ANALYSIS BY THE EMBASSY OF THE ROLE OF THE ROMANIAN TARIFF IN LIGHT OF ISSUES RAISED IN GATT WP WOULD

BE MOST USEFUL. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY GOVERNMENTAL, PARTY, OR ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS BEARING ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. GATT WP DOCUMENTS AND INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE BY TUDORAN FROM MAY 9 REVISTA ECONOMICA BEING POUCHED.

6. PLEASE CONTINUE TO REPEAT ALL MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT TO WARSAW. INGERSOLL

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